

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Without prejudice, this listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A driver information device comprising:
a map display, special objects being represented on the map display by symbols, a common indicator symbol in the map display being assigned to multiple special objects one of (a) in one location and (b) within a preselected radius of a location, a selection of the indicator symbol enabling a display of a selection menu containing information about the special objects, a color chosen for the indicator symbol depending on at least one of a type and a number of special objects.
2. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein the selection menu includes a list.
3. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein the indicator symbol is displayed on the map display one of (a) at the location of the special objects and (b) within the preselected radius of the location.
4. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein the selection menu is superimposed on the map display.
5. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 4, wherein the selection menu is superimposed on the map display in a semi-transparent window.

6. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein an area around the special objects to be displayed as the common indicator symbol is chosen such that the indicator symbol is displayed instead of individual symbols if the symbols would overlap in the map display were they to be displayed individually.
7. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein during the display of the selection menu, the indicator symbol is displayable at a same location on the map where it was displayed before the display of the selection menu, one of (a) with a link to the selection menu and (b) embedded in the selection menu.
8. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of (a) symbols and (b) text information pertaining to the special objects are displayable in the selection menu.
9. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein one of the special objects in the selection menu is selectable as a destination for the purpose of calculating a route.
10. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein by selecting one of the special objects in the selection menu, further information pertaining to the special objects becomes accessible.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein the special objects include at least one of parking lots, restaurants, hotels and places of interest.
13. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 1, wherein the selection menu includes a selection frame, the selection frame being movable to select at least

one of the special objects.

14. (Withdrawn) The driver information device according to claim 13, wherein the selection frame is movable by one of an operating element and a touch-screen.

15. (Previously Presented) A driver information device comprising:
a map display, special objects being represented on the map display by special object symbols, a common indicator symbol in the map display indicating a presence of corresponding multiple special objects one of (a) in one location and (b) within a preselected radius of a location, a selection of the common indicator symbol enabling a display of a selection menu containing information about the corresponding multiple special objects, wherein the selection menu is displayed on the map display;

wherein during the display of the selection menu, the common indicator symbol is displayable at a same location on the map where it was displayed before the display of the selection menu, embedded in the selection menu.

16. (Previously Presented) The driver information device according to claim 15, wherein during the display of the selection menu, the map display continues to be shown, with the selection menu superimposed on the map display.

17. (Previously Presented) The driver information device according to claim 15, wherein the selection menu includes a plurality of special object symbols corresponding to the multiple special objects indicated by the common indicator symbol, and wherein a desired special object within the selection menu is one of: a) selected as a desired destination; and b) selected for output of additional information regarding the desired special object.

18. (Previously Presented) The driver information device according to claim 17, wherein the selection of the desired special object is made using a selection frame within the selection menu.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The driver information device according to claim 17,~~ A driver information device comprising:

a map display, special objects being represented on the map display by special object symbols, a common indicator symbol in the map display indicating a presence of corresponding multiple special objects one of (a) in one location and (b) within a preselected radius of a location, a selection of the common indicator symbol enabling a display of a selection menu containing information about the corresponding multiple special objects, wherein the selection menu is displayed on the map display;

wherein during the display of the selection menu, the common indicator symbol is displayable at a same location on the map where it was displayed before the display of the selection menu, embedded in the selection menu;

wherein the selection menu includes a plurality of special object symbols corresponding to the multiple special objects indicated by the common indicator symbol, and wherein a desired special object within the selection menu is one of: a) selected as a desired destination; and b) selected for output of additional information regarding the desired special object;

wherein upon a first selection of the common indicator symbol enabling a display of the selection menu, only the special object symbols corresponding to the multiple special objects indicated by the common indicator symbol are superimposed on the map display, and wherein upon a subsequent selection of the common indicator symbol, text data associated with the special object symbols corresponding to the multiple special objects indicated by the common indicator symbol are additionally superimposed on the map display.